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## BIG NIGHT IN TIPTON TO BRING DIMES

Ranchers and business men of the Tipton, Poplar, Woodville and Cotton Center areas will join forces Saturday night, January 29, to stage a party and dance in the Tipton Veterans' hall to raise dimes to fight polio.

### SUNKIST CITRUS BRINGS \$2,632.02

Carload of Sunkist oranges and lemons that sold this week on the New York auction brought \$2,632.02 net to the southern Tulare county March of Dimes campaign. The fruit was donated by Sunkist growers in the area, shipping through the Tulare County Fruit Growers Exchange.

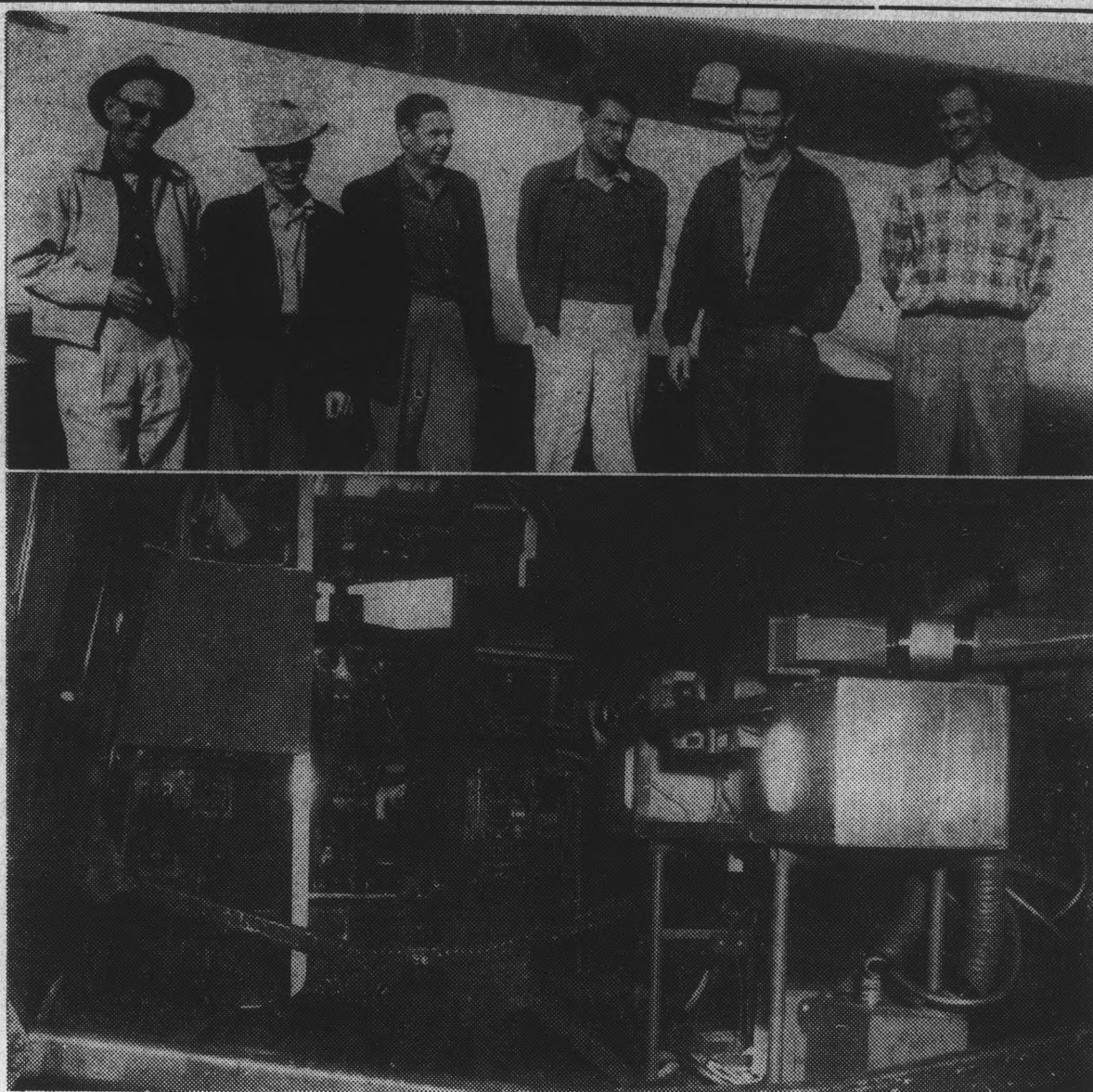
Arranging for the event are Troy Hutchinson, of Woodville; Joe D. Souza and Gene Tharp, of Cotton Center; Kenneth Unser of Poplar; Earl Pugh, Glen Reed, Don Gilbert, Manuel Faria and Virgil Boyd of Tipton.

Two grand prizes will be given away during the evening, a 1,000 pound corn-fed, Angus steer, donated by Charles Williams, of Woodville, and a Holstein heifer, donated by Mr. Souza.

Don Freitas has donated a Holstein heifer that will be sold next week at one of the county sales yards.

Festivities will start at the Tipton hall at 7:00 p.m.; music for dancing will be provided by the Mark Kennedy orchestra of Bakersfield.

Mr. Hutchinson states that everyone is invited to this event and that all proceeds will go to the March of Dimes.



DELIVERY OF a twin-engine, specially-equipped Boeing 247D has given a boost to cloud seeding operations in Tulare and Kern counties, the plane being flown in from Florida in time to work the January 18 storm. Shown with the new piece of cloud seeding equipment at the Porterville airport are; left

to right, Dave Merrill, of Taft, the owner of the Precipitation Control company, the organization handling the cloud seeding operation; Bill Reece, secretary of the Southern Sierra Corporation, a non-profit organization of farmers through which cloud seeding work is being planned and financed; Gayle Bis-

hop and Bill Walker, pilots; Bill Cloer, of Porterville, a director of the corporation, and Earl Turner, pilot. Lower photo shows interior of the plane, and special equipment necessary to put silver iodide through a carbon arc to form the vapor that is used as a nucleating agent in cloud seeding work.

## AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE IS TUESDAY

What about acreage allotments, replacement crops for cotton, economic outlook for farmers, future of the vegetable industry, prospects for poultry and livestock?

These are some of the items that will be discussed at a Tulare County Agricultural Outlook conference to be held next Tuesday, February 1, at the Sierra Vista school in Visalia, for benefit of county farmers, interested business men, and their wives.

Under direction of the agricultural extension service, the conference will not attempt to tell farmers what, or how much, to plant or produce, but will seek to present authentic information on which farmers can base their own decisions.

In a morning session that will start at 10:00 o'clock, John J. McElroy, state director of extension service agricultural program, will talk on "What Is Agriculture Facing Today", George Alcorn, extension specialist in farm marketing, will talk on, "Agricultural Out-

### IRRIGATION ELECTIONS

Voters within irrigation districts of southeastern Tulare county will ballot next Wednesday, February 2, on directors, and various other officials. The February 2 election date is standardized by law for all irrigation districts. Indications are for no contest in any of the local districts, except in the Porterville district, where there is talk of a write-in campaign against Maurice Henderson, board chairman.

## First Showing Of 1955 Ferguson Tractors In Porterville Next Monday

The first showing of the 1955 line of Ferguson tractors in the Porterville area is scheduled for Monday, January 31, at the Weisenberger Farm Supply on West Olive, in Porterville.

The new model Ferguson "35" is said to embody many completely new features in engineering and design found heretofore only in the large tractor class.

Outstanding among these features are power-spaced rear wheels, live PTO power with two-stage clutch control and a new hydraulic principle that permits the operator to maintain a constant draft and working-depth automatically.

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gine steps up the horsepower in the new models to a full 32 horsepower at 2000 rpm's, according to Harold Weisenberger, partner in the local firm. Mr. Weisenberger also states that the new dual-range six speed transmission provides a greater flexibility for all types of farm work.

This year marks the eighth year for the Ferguson line to be sold under its own name exclusively but the 25th year in the tractor engineering and design field. The company recently signed to take over the Tuesday and Thursday evening spots on the Faith L. Hawkins weather program over channel 10 in Bakersfield.

## RED HEADS PLAY WEDNESDAY IN P.T.A. BENEFIT

All American Red Heads, famous girl basketball giants from the east coast, meet an all-star men's team from Porterville school faculties in the high school gymnasium, Wednesday night, February 2. Proceeds go to the Porterville high school and college P.T.A. for student welfare work, and other activities.

A preliminary game, starting at 6:30 p.m., will match the Bartlett school varsity against the Lindsay Junior high varsity. At half-time of the featured game, Don Bagby, of Porterville, top baton twirler of the state, will give an exhibition of "lighted torch baton twirling", and high school majorettes will also perform.

In the lineup against the Red

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## What Will Bond Issue Really Cost? It All Depends On How You Look At It

What will the proposed \$1,794,000 Porterville high school and college bond issue really cost you and me, as taxpayers?

Let's consider first, this angle: If the bond issue carries, it will cost you 15 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation in 1955-56; if you combine the cost of the 1950 bond issue, for which you are now paying, total cost will run 38 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, 23 cents for the old issue, plus 15 cents for the new.

Under a plan by which payments on the proposed new issue of 16 year bonds would increase each year, while payments on the old bond issue decrease, a financial pattern has been figured by school officials that will hold the bond tax at approximately 38 cents for 16 years, then six cents for one year.

Tax figures are based on present assessed valuation within the high school and college district — \$44,380,015, with an anticipated 3% annual increase in assessed value of the district.

Let's look at the cost from another angle. The 15 cents that the new bond issue would add in its first year would amount to \$7.50 actual tax on each \$5,000 of assessed valuation; the 23 cents on the 1950 issue is costing \$11.50

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## 19 PRECINCTS ESTABLISHED FOR BOND VOTE

Nineteen precincts have been established for the February 8 election at which voters will put "yes" or "no" on a proposed \$1,794,000 bond issue to finance expansion of Porterville Union high school and college. Bond election precincts, which represent consolidation of general election precincts, have been designed as follows:

No. 1 — Polling place, Alta Vista school, precinct embraces the area included in the Alta Vista School district.

No. 2 — Polling place, Burton school, precinct embraces the area of the Burton school district.

No. 3 — Polling place, Citrus South Tule school, precinct covers area of the Citrus South Tule school district.

No. 4 — Polling place, Ducor Union school, precinct includes the area of the Ducor school district.

No. 5 — Polling place, Hope school, precinct covers area of Hope school district.

No. 6 — Polling place, Hot Springs school, precinct includes that portion of the Hot Springs school district lying in Tulare

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ACTIVE IN the Porterville Barn Theater Guild are the above women, who, with other Guild members, have as their goal the promotion of special events to provide

operating funds for the Barn. Left to right above are: Mesdames Herbert Metz, Stanley Moore, Justus Zimmerman, Rodney Lalanne, Violet Carpenter, Ralph Gill and Dudley Pearson. Through efforts of the Guild, opening night crowd last Friday for "My Three Angels" was one of the best in history of the Barn. (Farm Tribune photo)

## HOPE WATER DISTRICT BEING FORMED

Petition has been filed with the Tulare county board of supervisors seeking formation of the Hope Water district, under provision of California Water District law. Seventeen land owners in the Hope area have signed a petition as initial formation step. Details are covered in a legal notice in this issue of The Farm Tribune.

## Agriculture

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look for 1955"; T. B. Hedges, Giannini Foundation economist, will discuss adjustments that farmers are making in face of cotton acreage allotments, and Miss Constance Burgess, extension service home management specialist, will talk on diet, food preferences and market conditions that are of concern to farm women.

During the afternoon session, the meeting will be broken into divisions in which many phases of special farm problems will be discussed.

Among speakers will be: G. L. (Sam) Seitz, assistant manager of

the California Cotton cooperative, who will speak on the cotton situation; L. M. Clarke, California Crop and Livestock Reporting service, who will represent the grain industry; Herbert F. Beckerdite, manager of Kern County Hay Growers association, who will speak on outlook for increased alfalfa hay production.

Floyd Broadhead, field manager, California Lima Bean Growers association, who will discuss 1955 outlook for dry beans; Joseph R. Smith, Pacific Vegetable Oil corporation, who will talk on Castor Beans and other seed oil crops.

A. W. Christie, field manager of the California Walnut Growers as-

sociation, will discuss walnut outlook; Webster Jessup, general manager of Jessup Milk Farms of Glendale, will talk on dairy problems; H. W. Van Gelder, manager of the California Fresh Peach and Plum Advisory board, will discuss outlook for deciduous fruits.

Walter K. Hines, manager of Sun-Maid Raisin Growers, will talk on grape prospects; Bud Jackson, general manager of the California Farm Bureau Marketing association, will discuss outlook for beef cattle and swine; R. W. Henderson, secretary of the Lindsay Ripe Olive company, will talk on olives; Roy McLain, chairman of the American Farm Bureau will discuss citrus outlook.

## Engagement Of Darlene Aston Is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Aston are this week announcing the engagement of their daughter, Darlene, to Andrew Ausonio, of Castorville. The wedding is planned for July.

Miss Aston, a former member of Porterville's Canterbelles, has attended Hartnell college, at Salinas, for a year and a half. She is a graduate of Porterville high school and will return to Porterville college to complete junior college work.

Mr. Ausonio is a graduate of Salinas high school and Hartnell college; he is working as an electrical engineer for the Pacific Gas and Electric company at the Moss Landing steam plant, where he has been employed since 1953, following his release from Army service.



DARLENE ASTON, a former Canterbelle, whose engagement to Andrew Ausonio, of Castorville, is being announced this week.

## 19 Precincts

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county embracing the general election precincts of Berry, Hot Springs, Ultra and White River.

No. 7 — Polling place, John-sondale school, precinct includes that portion of Hot Springs school district lying in Tulare county general election precinct of Road's End.

No. 8 — Polling place, Bartlett school, area includes those portions of general election precincts of Burton, Hardeman, Henderson, Hockett, Parker, Porterville No. 9 and Sunnyside lying within Porterville Elementary School district.

No. 9 — Polling place, Roche avenue school, area includes those portions of Porterville precincts Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 11, lying within Porterville Elementary district.

No. 10 — Polling place, Olive street school, area includes those portions of Porterville precincts Nos. 2, 6, 7, 8 and 10, Olive and Porter, lying within Porterville Elementary district.

No. 11 — Polling place, Vandalia school, area includes portions of Globe, Hot Springs, Plano East, Plano Nos. 1 and 2, Poplar, Road's End, Springville and Ultra precincts lying within Porterville Elementary district.

No. 12 — Polling place, Doyle Colony school, area includes those portions of Abbott, Doyle, Orange and McFarland precincts lying within Porterville Elementary school district.

No. 13 — Polling place, Rockford school, area includes all of the Rockford school district.

No. 14 — Polling place, Sauce-lito school, area covers the Sauce-lito school district.

No. 15 — Polling place, Springville elementary school, area includes Springville Union school district.

No. 16 — Polling place, Terra Bella Union school, area covers all of Terra Bella Union school district.

No. 17 — Polling place, Vincent school, area includes all of Vincent school district.

No. 18 — Polling place, Woodville, area includes all of Woodville school district.

No. 19 — Polling place, Pleasant View school, precinct includes all the area embraced in Pleasant View school district, together with any other area of the Porterville Union High School and College districts not included in the other 18 precincts.

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Persons who are uncertain as to their precinct and polling place can probably clarify their bond election voting place by checking at the elementary school in the elementary district in which they reside.

## Lemon Market Declines Slightly

California lemon market eased off somewhat during the week ending January 22, with fruit in interstate channels declining about 25 cents to around \$5.75 per box, average f.o.b. Prorate for the current week is 275 cars.

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## "MY THREE ANGELS" OPENS TOO SOON; IS POTENTIALLY ONE OF BARN'S BEST

By Bill Rodgers

"My Three Angels" is potentially one of the Porterville Barn Theater's best plays, but the show was not ready on opening night last Friday.

A good cast, a clever script, and a really super set establish a strong base for production, but the cast bobbled punch lines and the script suffered as a result, so the show, instead of being a real success on opening night was something less than that, although still enjoyable.

We predict that the three angels — Freeland Wilson, Bob Belshe and Gilbert Velie, will fly more smoothly this weekend; some of the newer-comers in this play — Don Button, Sally Marie Talbot,

Helen T. Lamb and Greta Stewart — will pick up momentum; in fact there is really nothing wrong with this show that a little more work by the cast and a little more punch by Director LeRoy King won't correct.

As of opening night, the hoss-car of this show should go to Eldon Hunt, who came up with a convincing, finished performance. But we sort of expect this from Mr. Hunt, since he has done a lot of things well in the theater since the first production in the original Barn.

And if there is a hoss-car at the end of the year for set construction, Dave Weaver and Pat Peasley will be real contenders as a result of the job they have done for "My Three Angels."

It's a shame that the show wasn't really ready last Friday. Opening night crowd, thanks to activity of the Barn Guild, was excellent, the best group of first-nighters we remember seeing in the Barn.

But look for a good show from here on. We repeat, "My Three Angels" is a fine play; it can be among the best that the Barn has produced.

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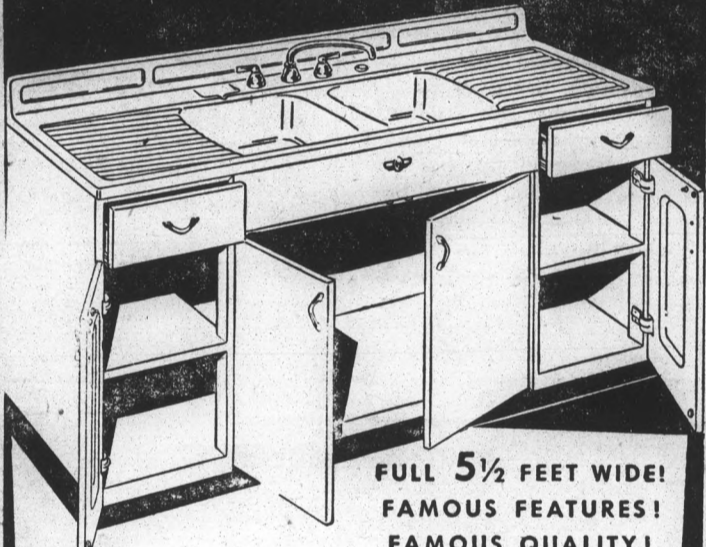
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## WE'LL VOTE FOR SCHOOL BONDS

We will vote in favor of the proposed bond issue for Porterville high school and college when we go to the polls on February 8, because we believe that the undesirable features of financing by bonds is offset by a critical need that exists right now within the school district.

We believe that a special tax to raise money before that money is spent is sounder financing procedure — interest charges are thereby eliminated — but to raise substantial amounts of money by special tax requires a considerable period of time.

The problems that confront the school district are here now; they must be met.

In voting for the bond issue, we say, in effect, that we favor the general plan of expansion as outlined by school district trustees — a plan that visualizes completion of the college, improvement of the present high school campus and eventual development of a new high school campus.

And we say also, in effect, that we have confidence in members of the high school and college board of trustees as to their ability to wisely administer bond money voted to them.

We cannot say that we have agreed in detail with everything that the school board has done in the past; no doubt we will disagree, at times, in the future. But, in general terms, we believe that present plan of the school board is sound; that present administration is honest.

In voting for the new bond issue we are not assuming that we thereby take care of high school and college problems once and for all. On the contrary, this money will meet what can be classed as only an immediate need.

Because the community is growing, because school population is growing, we expect that school expansion will continue for many years; that special funds will be needed periodically in the future.

We hope that a plan of special taxation, rather than a plan for more bonds, can be worked out to meet these future needs that are sure to arise.

But, taking the school situation as it is right now, and without speculating on what might or might not have been done in the past, we believe that the proposed bond issue is a logical approach to the problems of a growing school need.

We will vote "Yes" when we stamp our February 8 bond election ballot.

## COUNTY GINS AT 229,630 BALES

Tulare county gins had turned out 229,630 bales, as of the week ending January 12, while the six San Joaquin valley cotton-producing counties had accounted for 1,257,601 bales.

Kern county had 390,019 bales; Kings county, 169,006; Fresno county, 359,306; Madera county, 65,880 and Merced county, 43,760.

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By John



The time is fast approaching when summer will be here. The time is also fast approaching when it will be too late — Too late to attend the Porterville Chamber of Commerce banquet, February 3; too late to vote on the bond issue February 8, and too late to plant bare root stock.

There are many new grapes with appetizing names including Black Rose, Golden Muscat and Perlette. Black Rose is a large, black, productive grape, even better than Ribier; Golden Muscat is a slip-skin grape, muscat flavored, and a good home garden variety. Perlette is an exceptionally early seedless variety, ripening before Thompson Seedless — not quite the flavor, but extends the season for those too lazy to remove seeds. Lots of old timers still going strong like Muscat, Lady Finger, Emperor and Concord. These sell for two bits each, the newer ones four bits and up.

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## Marketing Association Sets Annual Meeting For March Fifth

Annual meeting and election of directors for the California Farm Bureau Marketing association has been set for March 5, with Tulare county members serving on a nomination committee including: Leland Swall, Ralph Mehrten, Art Griswold, Neil Derrick and Kenneth Beck.

The meeting will be held at the Visalia sales yard, with a chuckwagon dinner planned plus a program that will include a prominent speaker representing the national livestock industry.

California feeders had 312,000 head of sheep and old-crop lambs on hand, January 1, for finishing for winter and early spring slaughter market.

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## FINS, FUR FEATHERS

By Phil The Forester



More valley huntsmen go to Arizona every year to take in the javelina (native wild pig) season, it being off-season hunting. It's a short trip and many sportsmen fly over, while others pool their automobile driving. All the hunters we know have returned with their game.

Hunting season this year in Arizona will be February 12 to 28 inclusive, with a bag and possession limit of one pig, either sex.

Non resident license and seal cost \$5.00. The seal must be attached to the gambrel of the pig's hind leg immediately after shooting.

Many inquiries are received on

## LINCOLN DAY DINNER SET FOR FEBRUARY 15

Republicans of Tulare county will hold their traditional Lincoln Day dinner the evening of February 15 at the Green Mill Ballroom in Porterville, with United States Senator Gordon Allott of Colorado, as the principle speaker.

Tickets for the event went on sale today throughout the county; sponsoring organization is the Tulare County Republican Central committee.

Senator Allott is a former lieutenant governor of the state of Colorado; he is a veteran of World



GORDON ALLOTT, United States senator, who will be the principal speaker at annual Lincoln Day dinner, to be held in the Green Mill ballroom, Porterville, the evening of February 15, under sponsorship of the Tulare County Republican Central committee.

War II, serving with the 339th Fighter squadron of the U. S. Air Force for 19 months in the South Pacific and he is a graduate of the University of Colorado Law school.

In 1929, during his senior year in college, he was both junior and senior National A.A.U. 400-meter hurdle champion and he competed that year with the official All-American track team.

In his capacity as an attorney, Senator Allott has served on the Colorado state board of law examiners, the state board of paroles and was a member of the state legislative council. He was one of the original organizers and was attorney for the First Federal Savings and Loan association of Lamar, Colorado.

Senator Allott has been active in Republican politics for many years, serving as first chairman of the Colorado Young Republican League and as a Republican Na-

tional committeeman.

He is a member of the Episcopal church, a past president of the Lamar Rotary club, a member of the Masonic lodge and secretary of the Southeast Colorado Livestock association. For 24 years he actively served water and agricultural interests of his state.

Senator Allott, who is married and has two sons, worked his way through school — as a high school janitor, in Colorado lumber camps, in the Pueblo steel mills and, while attending college, as a table waiter.

## Adult Courses At Night School

Among courses being offered as a new semester opens at the Porterville high school adult evening school are: Dressmaking, mechanical drawing and blue print instruction and oil and water color painting. Enrollment in these, and other courses, are being taken at the adult school office at the high school.

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There are other wild hogs in California but they are actually domestic pigs gone wild or the offspring of domestic animals. One of the better known areas for this type of hunting is Cazadero, Sonoma county.

Coot or mudhen shooting is now legal in most of the agricultural areas of California. This is a crop depredation measure and was made known by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service on Monday. As we went to press, the details were not available but it's safe to say that the agricultural lands of the San Joaquin valley are open.

A Federal duck stamp is not required to take coot but a state hunting license is necessary.

This is an opportunity for sportsmen to improve relationships with ranchers by helping to reduce crop depredation and at the same time enjoy some wing shooting. Contrary to popular opinion, coots are good to eat and sportsmen's clubs might do well to give some thought to a coot banquet.

Black bass limits are being taken from the Kings river bypass with live minnows the best, although the fish are taking artificial lures.

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## Smaller Turkey Crop Indicated

California turkey producers have indicated they will raise seven per cent fewer heavy-type birds and two per cent more light-breed birds this season, representing a total decrease of six per cent, compared to last year.

Nationally, turkey producers have indicated they will raise four per cent fewer birds. The turkey industry has urged growers to reduce production in view of a surplus market condition this year.

A/3C Marvin E. Cannon, assigned to the school of aviation medicine as a dental technician at Randolph Field, Texas, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cannon, of Porterville.

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## History Porterville Chamber Of Commerce

By Ina Stiner  
(Continued from Last Week)

The first request received by the Porterville chamber of commerce was for information and a possible bid on granite from the Porterville granite quarry to use for the Federal building in Los Angeles, where native building stone was desired. The chamber also sent out requests: It requested the Southern Pacific Railroad company to put Porterville on the railroad maps, to give better service for Porterville, and later for daylight passenger trains; it asked to have a passenger depot placed west of the hotel at the foot of Lafayette Street." (Lafayette Street was a surprise to this writer, who had once written an article on Porterville streets. But the discovery of such historical items is the reward for searching minutes or records of meetings — which too often are written for the ears of the next

meeting rather than for the eyes of future insights into the past.)

Lafayette street was twice again in the minutes of the chamber: first in a letter received from Dr. H. W. Oakley asking that, to avoid the sharp corners where Putnam avenue and Lafayette street met at narrow Division street, it be urged that five-foot triangles be cut from each corner; but J. F. Canty was unwilling on his side of the street. (The solution was the purchase from owners on the south side and the straight extension of Putnam to Hockett in 1914, and then the 1952 cutting of corners at Hockett.)

In 1920 the chamber of commerce secured the options for right-of-way when "the road was opened westward to extend Lafayette street by a bridge across Porter slough." (Soon thereafter the name Putnam Avenue replaced Lafayette street, which name had itself been given by ordinance of the new city government in 1903 to replace the earlier name, First street.) Another request, this time secured, was the removal of the Wells Fargo Express office from the railroad station to Main street.

Good roads was a perennial subject much urged, e.g. at the beginning, Schulz, Bartlett, and Bradley were asked to address some people "representing large interests" in order to promote improvements of roads. On January 11, 1909, while Mr. Bartlett himself was president of the chamber of commerce, the following men were asked to attend a meeting on the Improvement of Roads — men chosen because they used certain roads: Hobart Webster (Tule River road); Dr. Glaze (road south of Plano); C. C. Ridgway (road west from depot); L. M. Owen (road west by China Garden, Rockyford); H. C. Carr (Lewis road); A. G. Schulz (Morton street); Cleve Ferguson (Plano-Poplar road); F. D. Bailey, (Springville road by Tyler's).

Bartlett, Boydston, and Sprott were asked to see what manufacturing might be possible here. Apparently nothing was accomplished in that line then; and in 1919 the chamber of commerce appointed a committee to manage the transfer of land for the site of McKnight's brick factory.

(To be continued next week)

## FARM EMPLOYMENT IN SEASONAL DECLINE

Seasonal decline in farm employment in the San Joaquin valley brought farm laborer numbers to 95,000 workers last week, compared to 100,000 workers as of January 4.



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## SPRINGVILLE NEWS

By Winnie Gage

Springville Hobby Club met Friday, January 17, in the home of Mrs. Grace Franz. Secret pals were revealed and new ones were selected for the coming year. A short business meeting was held and a donation was given to the March of Dimes. Three sets of aprons, tea towels and pot holders which were liquid embroidered by Mrs. Gage, were shown. Handmade and decorated candles will be the project the club will take up at the next meeting.

Jello salad, cookies, candy, coffee and tea were served to Mesdames Mittie Stillion, Ruth Shoup, Elizabeth Warzee, Lucile Herbert, Lois Nearpass, Lora Gage, Ethel Rush, Nona Smallridge, Emma McCutcheon, Grace Franz, Winnie Gage, Margaret Alexander, Myrtle McIntyre of Atascadero and Alice Grinnell and Misses Lucile Higgins and Alice Smith. Mrs. Erma Skiles was a guest.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ethel Rush and will be a potluck, held at noon, February 18.

Fred Herbert and sons, Marvin and Phil, were in the southern part of Arizona visiting places of interest, especially the ruins of Montizuma.

Lester Reed, the State trapper, has returned from a six weeks vacation, which he spent in Arizona and southern California. He also reports the death of his brother, Gilbert, on January 3, after a short illness.

Gib, as he was called by his friends, has visited here a lot during the past year and was loved by

all who knew him. Deepest sympathy goes to the family. Gib had never married. He leaves, besides Lester, a brother, Zeek, and a sister, several nieces and nephews, near San Jacinta.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frost, a son, Dale, Kenneth, January 21, in the Porterville Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs. 7 ozs. He has a brother named Jackie. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McDarment of Porterville and paternal grandmother is Mrs. Edna Starnor of Springville.

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### Williams, Patterson On Game Committee

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### Sportsmen Licenses Show Increase

Sale of hunting and fishing licenses, as well as sale of special hunting tags, showed an increase during 1954 in the state of California. Hunting licenses totalled 520,790 in 1954, compared to 510,978 the previous year; fishing licenses, 1,196,389, compared to 1,146,726; deer tags, 389,185 compared to 365,344 and pheasant tags, 179,275 compared to 157,655. Final figures have not yet been compiled, it is stated.

Scientists at Davis have found that nitrate level in the grape vine leaf petiole at full-bloom shows promise of being a guide as to whether or not a vineyard needs nitrate fertilizer.



## OUR TOWN

Never underestimate the power of a woman. Ooooo those wise words. For the last 10 years the males of OUR TOWN have been thinking of a sign to put up on Highway 99. A sign that would show where OUR TOWN is located. They just never seemed to get around to actually doing it, but leave it to a few Women's club members. They not only are doing it, but they are doing it in style. Not some dinky sign, this sign is going to be 17 feet tall, and 26 feet long. It will be put up February 12 at 12:00, and the lease for the ground will be paid for a year, and then with all the hard work done, the women will turn it over to the chamber of commerce and let them do the rest. I wonder if that is a good idea? I hope the women keep their eye on it. Soooo now for a few days if you see two beautiful women in a pickup hauling lumber and telephone poles to a sign maker you will know they are Colleen Gerhardt and Judy Riley. Thank

goodness for citizens like these two. I think they are wonderful. Now when friends say, "Porterville? Wherezatt?" we won't have to explain, and explain.

The sign will be on Highway 99 one mile south of the Old Poplar road, and by the way, did you know it was a State highway and even has a number?

Of course this will cost some money, and if you will please donate money for tickets and as a prize get a nice washer, OUR TOWN will have a good sign. The washer will be given away at a dinner dance at the Elks Club February 12, and the public is invited. Essie Loehnert and Thelma Schuler are on the Civic committee for the Women's club and they are in charge of the tickets. I'm so glad we have women like this in OUR TOWN.

On February 2, Carl Elder, Ed Landgraf, Dick Berryhill, Bud Loverin and other great basketball players are going to tangle with a bunch of beautiful Redheads. Sounds like fun. They will play these Redheads at the High School gym for the P.T.A. The Redheads are a nationally-known basketball team, and the men are looking forward to being taken. They say Ed Landgraf is famous for his hook shot, whatever that is, and Dick's special is a sneak-in shot under the basket. I hope the ladies let him get in one little sneak or he will be so disappointed. Just before the game, the Junior High schools of OUR TOWN and Lindsay will have a game, and the yell leaders and song leaders have their uniforms all pressed and are ready to be big time in a real gym.

In order to make a little extra money for the P.T.A. Leah Sheela is supposed to talk her long suffering husband into helping to sell peanuts. Ruth Loyd (that's me) has been talking like a Dutch uncle to her better half, and when he reads this he will have to help her sell peanuts too. Both men were big shots in basketball 50 years ago and are going to carry the peanuts while the women collect the money. Carl suggested the men throw the bags of peanuts to the customers in the stands, and the gals catch the money. Zeke Marks and Nell Shannon are talking fast to their husbands, too. I hope they can catch better than I can. You know why I have to make so much about this occasion, don't you? Johnny Keck is the publicity chairman, and also a big wheel on this paper and I know when I'm well off. Nuff said.

Last week I asked for bits of interest to put in this epistle, and now you know what kind of friends I have: I quote:

Ruth Dear (I like that) Dad Margo thought you might want a social note for your column some time, when short of material, so he wrote this out for you. It's his work . . . not mine.

Phoebe Bird, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Margo, had a birthday party Sunday, January 23, at the Margo residence east of OUR TOWN. Amongst those attending were the Robin family, consisting of 50 members, the Quails, 12 in number. Mr. and Mrs. Meadow Lark, the blue Jays, the Linnet family of 16 in number, Jim Crow, Ralph Rooster and four of his Hen sisters. Tiger Cat was unable to attend but sent a present. Refreshments were served, consisting of peanut butter sandwiches, chopped nuts, lettuce and

Kix. A good time was enjoyed by all. Please send to U.P. and A.P. wire services. (End of quote. I thank the Margo family for this bit of social news, but the party sounded as if it were for the birds. Now you know how desperate for news I am.)

This week has been a mess. I reached for the cold cream and smeared it all over my face and petted my chins lovingly with the back of my hand, Wham, what happened! My face felt as if I had scrubbed it with poison oak. I looked at the jar. Ooooo my mistake. A jar of deodorant. That's not all, I brushed my teeth with shaving cream, and instead of putting a spray net on my hair I reached for the can of air spray. That does it. Loyd's of luff.

### Farm Conferences Slated At Davis

A series of conferences on farm activities is slated for the Davis campus between January 28 and February 8 — a Farm Safety conference, January 28; a Farm Structure conference, February 3; a Farm Machinery conference, February 4-5 and a Rural Electric conference, February 7-8.

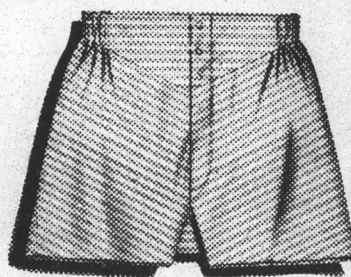
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**FARM BUREAU MEMBER DRIVE IN HOME STRETCH**

Membership drive of the Tulare County Farm Bureau is now "in the home stretch," as the organization seeks to maintain its position as the largest county organization in the California Farm Bureau Federation.

California sheep and lambs on feed for early spring market are estimated at 312,000 head.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD of the PORTERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF TULARE  
RESOLUTION No. 66

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARATION OF INTENTION TO LEASE CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) The Governing Board hereby determines to lease certain acreage on the terms and conditions herein mentioned, to the highest bidder, under the provisions of Education Code Sections 18604-18614, said property being generally described as:

Twelve (12) acres of land, more or less, located on the new Vandallia School site in the Jay Brown property, lying between Highway 95 and Plano Road.

(2) Said Board will meet and consider bids to lease said property on February 2, 1955, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., at the Board Room at 710 North Kessling, Porterville.

(3) Sealed bids, in writing, must be filed prior to said time with the District Superintendent at 710 North Kessling, Porterville.

(4) No bid will be considered in an amount less than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars per acre for the year ending January 31, 1956.

(5) After the sealed bids have been opened and read, the Board shall call for oral bids, which may be made by any responsible person present, and which shall exceed by not less than five percent (5%) the amount of the highest sealed bid.

(6) The Governing Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or waive any irregularity thereof.

(7) The sale shall be subject to additional conditions contained in another resolution adopted this date, which also contains a detailed description of said property, and which resolution is incorporated herein by reference.

Copies of said resolution shall be furnished to all interested persons by the Clerk, on request, and each bidder is expected to familiarize himself with the contents thereof before submitting his bid.

Dated January 5, 1955.  
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE PORTERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
s/ GARDNER WHEELER  
s/ S. H. MCLEMORE  
s/ L. J. HAMILTON j13,20,27

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
No. 12710

In the Superior Court of the State of California In and For the County of Tulare

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SILAS CLYDE DODDER, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, executrix of the estate of Silas Clyde Dodder, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to file them with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Tulare, in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to exhibit said claims with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months to said executrix at the office of Guy Knupp, Jr., located at 400 Second Street, in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of Silas Clyde Dodder, deceased.

Dated: This 18th day of January, 1955.

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**BRIEF OF THE MINUTES TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
January 18, 1955

- January 18, 1955  
All present
- 55-79 County Counsel to prepare Ordinance, Zoning Walnut Grove.
  - 55-80 Resolution fixing boundaries—Tule River Soil Conservation District.
  - 55-81 Election set — Tule River Soil Conservation District.
  - 55-82 Interim zoning on Alta Acres authorized and Ordinance ordered prepared.
  - 55-83 Notice of Hearing set for amendment to Ordinance No. 352.
  - 55-84 Tentative Map of Tract 225 referred back to Planning Commission.
  - 55-85 Variance granted.
  - 55-86 Return of tax deposit authorized.
  - 55-87 Claim approved.
  - 55-88 Responsible Relative form referred to District Attorney.
  - 55-89 Liability of Responsible Relatives determined.
  - 55-90 Road 1851 declared public road.
  - 55-91 Encroachment applications granted.
  - 55-92 Claim referred to County Counsel.
  - 55-93 Claim referred to County Counsel.
  - 55-94 Resolution designating Tulare County Aviation Days approved.
  - 55-95 Erroneous assessments ordered corrected.
  - 55-96 Deed accepted for Three Rivers Station.
  - 55-97 Warrants cancelled.
  - 55-98 Notice of completion ordered recorded.
  - 55-99 Attendance at meeting authorized.
  - 55-100 Leave of Absence approved.
  - 55-101-105 Funds transferred.
  - 55-106 Road Easement accepted.
  - 55-107 Right-of-way deeds accepted.
  - 55-108 Right-of-way deeds accepted.
  - 55-109 Right-of-way deeds accepted.
  - 55-110 Three Rivers Sequoia Hall authorized to be advertised for sale.
  - 55-111 Rd. Dept. authorized to work grounds Three Rivers Cemetery.

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55-112 Final Map of Tract No. 217 approved.

55-113 Loud speaker application granted.

55-114 Resolution re: Bonds Reedley Joint Union High School District approved.

55-115 Resolution approved concerning Superintendent of Schools salary. Adjourn to January 25, 1955.

RODGERS L. MOORE  
Chairman, Tulare County Board of Supervisors.

Attest: CLAUD H. GRANT  
County Clerk and ex-officio clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

JAMES E. HOWARD  
Deputy. j27

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the office of Porterville Irrigation District is hereby established and shall be kept on the north side of Henderson Road, about 3/4 of a mile west of Westwood Drive in Section 20, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, M.D.B.&M. in the county of Tulare, State of California, effective immediately and that henceforth all meetings of the Board of Directors of said District will be held and the business of said District will be transacted at said location.

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**  
I, Ernest L. Northup, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Porterville Irrigation District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was duly adopted by said Board of Directors at a regular and duly held meeting, January 18, 1955, by the affirmative vote of all Directors, and duly entered on the Minutes of said Board.

ERNEST L. NORTHUP  
Secretary of Board of Directors of Porterville Irrigation District j27

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

(a) That a petition for the formation of a Water District under the provisions of Division 13 of the Water Code of the State of California has been filed with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare, State of California.

(b) That Wednesday, February 23, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the rooms of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare, in the Hall of Records, City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of said petition.

(c) That the text of and signatures to said petition are as follows:

**PETITION FOR THE FORMATION OF THE HOPE WATER DISTRICT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA:**

We, the undersigned holders of title to a majority in area of land which is susceptible of irrigation from a common source and by the same system of works do hereby petition your honorable body for the formation of a water district under the provisions of Sections 34000-38501 inclusive of the Water Code of the State of California, sometimes referred to as the CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT LAW, and for that purpose make the following representations:

I. The name of the proposed district shall be HOPE WATER DISTRICT.

II. A description of the proposed boundaries of the district is as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, M.D.B.&M.; thence South one-fourth mile, more or less, to the Southeast corner of the North half of the Northeast quarter of said Section 20; thence west one-half mile, more or less, to the Southwest corner of the North half of the Northeast quarter of said Section 20; thence South one-half mile, more or less, to the Northwest corner of the North half of the Northeast quarter of said Section 20; thence East one-half mile, more or less, to the Northeast corner of said South half of the Southeast quarter of said Section 20; thence North one-fourth mile, more or less, to the East quarter corner of said Section 20; thence East one-fourth mile, more or less, to the Northeast corner of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 21 of said Township 22 South, Range 27 East, M.D.B.&M.; thence South one-half mile, more or less, to the Southwest corner of said Section 21; thence East one-fourth mile, more or less, to the Northwest corner of the Northwest quarter of Section 28 of said Township and Range; thence South one-fourth mile, more or less, to the Southeast corner of the North half of the Northeast quarter of the North half of the Northwest quarter of said Section 28; thence West one and one-half miles, more or less, to the Southwest corner of the North half of the Northwest quarter of Section 29 of said Township and Range; thence South one-quarter mile to the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter of Section 30 of said Township and Range; thence West one mile, more or less, along the east-west center line of said Section 30 to the East boundary line of the Friant-Kern Canal; thence North one-half mile, more or less, along said East boundary line of said Section 30 to the North line of said Section 30; thence West one-half mile, more or less, to the Southwest corner of the Southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, M.D.B.&M.; thence North one mile, more or less, to the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of said Section 24; thence East along the North line of said Section 24 and the North line of Section 21 of Township 22 South, Range 27 East, M.D.B.&M. one-half mile, more or less, to the East boundary line of the Friant-Kern Canal; thence North along the said East boundary line one-half mile, more or less, to the North line of the South half of Section 18, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, M.D.B.&M.; thence East one mile, more or less, to the Northeast

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corner of said South half of said Section 18; thence South one-half mile, more or less, to the Southeast corner of said Section 18; thence East one mile, more or less, to the point of beginning.

**III.**

The name of the affected county is TULARE COUNTY.

**IV.**

The number of acres in the proposed district is 2,385.

**V.**

The place where the principal business of the proposed district is to be transacted is Porterville, California.

**VI.**

The sources from which the land is to be irrigated are:

(a) Underground pumping and/or

(b) The Central Valley Project via Friant-Kern Canal

**VII.**

The consolidation of the offices of Assessor, Tax Collector and Treasurer is deemed advisable in the formation of the district and your petitioners request the consolidation of such offices.

Name Address Date  
Elmco Vineyards, Inc., 1409 Beverly Drive, December 27, 1954.

By Ed Merzolian, President  
Robert H. Merzolian, Sec.-Treas., December 27, 1954.

Joseph M. Konda, Rt. 2, Box 884, Porterville, December 28, 1954.

Edward J. Konda, Rt. 2, Box 884, Porterville, December 28, 1954.

Wiley D. Ambrose, 815 E. Morton, Porterville, December 27, 1954.

Gladys B. Ambrose, 815 E. Morton, Porterville, December 27, 1954.

George B. Ambrose, 1234-B E. Lexington, Glendale, December 27, 1954.

Cyrille O. Faure, Rt. 2, Box 876, Porterville, December 27, 1954.

Norma L. Faure, Rt. 2, Box 876, Porterville, Dec. 27, 1954.

Cyrille O. Faure, Trustee,  
(Under last will of Joseph Faure, deceased), Rt. 2, Box 878, Porterville, December 27, 1954.

Rose M. Faure, Rt. 2, Box 878, Porterville, December 27, 1954.

Peter Faure, Rt. 2, Box 878, Porterville, December 27, 1954.

Everett L. Cloer, Rt. 2, Box 833, Porterville, December 28, 1954.

Above signature for West 1/2 of West 1/2 East of Canal Sec. 19-22-27 only, 130 acres more or less.

Margaret Konda, Rt. 2, Box 884, Porterville, December 28, 1954.

Eldon L. Adams, Rt. 3, Box 1173, Porterville, December 29, 1954.

Marie Adams, Rt. 3, Box 1173, Porterville, December 29, 1954.

J. H. Ladrigian, Box 485, Terra Bella, December 29, 1954.

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF TULARE, ss.**

Wiley D. Ambrose, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That the attached petition for the formation of the Hope Water District was personally circulated by the affiant; that each of the persons whose names are affixed to the petition personally signed said petition in the presence of the affiant; and that the signatures of said persons are the genuine signatures of the persons they purport to be; that the residential voting address of the affiant is 815 E. Morton Street, Porterville, California, and that he resides in the No. 4, Porterville General Election Precinct of Tulare County, California.

(Signed) WILEY D. AMBROSE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of December, 1954.

(SEAL) GAYLORD N. HUBLER  
Notary Public in and for the County of Tulare, State of California.

(d) That at the said hearing the Board of Supervisors will hear all relevant evidence in support of or in opposition to the petition, or in support of or in opposition to requests for inclusion of land in or exclusion of land from the proposed district.

Dated this 25th day of January, 1955.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.**

By CLAUD H. GRANT  
County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

By JAMES E. HOWARD  
Deputy Clerk j27,13,10

**BILL WOULD SET UP WATER DEPARTMENT**

A bill designed to establish a new California water department, has been introduced into the state senate by Senator J. Howard Williams of Porterville, with Senator Williams stating that object of the bill is to separate responsibility for planning, construction and policy-making in regard to state water problems.

Senator Williams says that the bill is an attempt to compromise the various water issues brought out in a series of hearings held by the legislature's water committee, of which Senator Williams is chairman.

The bill, says Senator Williams, is not the final answer to problems of state water — rather it is a starting point to clarify the handling of state water problems, in which, under the present setup, nine different state agencies now have a hand.

Concerning the opening three

*Sermon in Miniature*

By Everett C. Schneider, Minister  
The Evangelical United Brethren Church  
511 Third Street, Porterville

Can we love too much? No, not with the right kind of love!

When we think of loving too much we might be guilty of having loved with a "barb", or having loved with the giving of indulgences. The former is illustrated by the question, "What did I get out of it?" The latter is illustrated by the parent and child relationship.

A parent said, "I don't know why our son got into trouble, we gave him everything he asked for." (He was arrested for stealing) The rest of us smile because we already know that that parent didn't love the right way.

A husband fled to Canada to evade the law because he had stolen from his company. Everyone condemned the man, and sympathized with the wife, except for the few who knew that the wife nagged at the husband to buy her more luxuries than he could afford from his own salary. She might have kept her husband if she had loved him more, and loved things less. Her love surely was the wrong kind.

Most of us aren't guilty of too much of the right kind of love. We surely aren't accused of too much forgiveness of a wrong done us, or of loving even when misunderstood, or of loving those for whom Christ died on a cruel cross, or of loving the least, and the last, and the lost.

A woman said, "It's easy to love the Mexicans in Mexico, but it isn't easy to love the Mexicans in Porterville." She was at least honest with herself, but we could say that when we really get to know people we discover that they can return love better than some of the "frigid 400", and we can discover that out-going love is based upon a divine command, "This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

**Edison Company Hits High Peak Of 2,000,000 Kilowatts**

Southern California Edison company's gross peak demand exceeded 2,000,000 kilowatts for the first time when 2,002,100 kilowatts were delivered to the company's customers last week, according to Roscoe R. Sparks, manager of the company's Porterville-Lindsay district. Previous high demand on the Edison system was 1,998,200 kilowatts which was recorded on December 9 of last year.

This new 2,000,000 kilowatt peak was the combined electrical demand of all Edison customers — industrial, commercial, agricultural and domestic. It is equivalent to the amount of electricity necessary to serve the average domestic electrical needs of about three and a third million homes.

Emphasizing the record increase in the use of electricity, Mr. Sparks pointed out that the company's gross peak demand has been doubled in less than ten years. It was on June 20, 1945 that the Edison company's first 1,000,000 kilowatt demand was recorded.

weeks of the 1955, legislature Senator Williams says that 5,741 bills were introduced — a record number in state history. No legislator, he says, will know what is contained in all these bills until they can be put into printed form by the state printer.

State budget is one of the big question marks in Sacramento, Senator Williams declares, with strong feeling in certain quarters that the budget can be balanced without increases in taxes and without curtailing essential services of the state.



BOYD ECKARD, president of the Porterville Junior Chamber of Commerce; Jim Cone, chairman of the "Mrs. Porterville Contest", and George Kralowec, vice-president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, make plans for selection of Mrs. Porterville, who will compete with other homemakers in a series of contests resulting in the selection of Mrs. America for 1956.

## Candidates Now Filing For Directors, Proposed Tule Conservation District

Candidates who have filed for five director positions if the proposed Tule River Soil Conservation district if formed by vote on February 28, include: R. R. Killian, William W. Dye, Wallace Witt Sr., Walter Witt, Ralph Gill, Walter McNab and R. O. Hill.

Nomination papers can be obtained from Mr. Killian; five signatures are required to place a name on the ballot. Names can also be written in at the election.

Two consolidated polling places have been set up for the election, voters in the Dennison, Springville and Globe precincts to vote at the old Globe church; voters in the Citrus South Tule precinct will vote at the Citrus South Tule school.

The proposed district covers the Tule river water shed from headwaters of the three forks of the stream down to the Worth district, with exception of the Springville township and certain properties that have been withdrawn by owners.

Carrot season is virtually over in the Salinas district.

## NAVEL ORANGE DEMAND STRONG

Demand for California Navel oranges was active and strong during the week ending January 22, with average price of fruit in interstate channels advancing 20 cents to \$4.00 per box, f.o.b. Pro-rate for the week ending January 29 was set at 700 cars of Navels from central California; 400 cars from southern California.

Next meeting of the Sequoia Kennel club will be held February 3 at the old Roosevelt school in Tulare.

## We Only Heard

By BILL RODGERS

PORTERVILLE HAS sent its sons and daughters to high places in many fields—medicine, science, business, art, athletics — and not the least of those sons was Bill Covey, who died last Friday at Phillips, Wisconsin, the town in which he was born . . . We remember Bill when we both attended the old Morton street school; when we were in the same Boy Scout troop, with Jay Brown as scoutmaster; when, as newcomers in high school, we were in a pickup orchestra — the first, we believe, that Bill ever played with. . . We played in the same orchestra, but we did not play with Bill, for he had the touch of genius — the touch that led him, after high school, into the field of big-time music; jazz, if you will . . . That was after Bill had played in the Porterville high school band, directed at that time by Marion Knott, and after he had taken lessons from Wes Evans and played in a dance band handled by Wes. . . There was never a doubt that Bill had the real touch. He was the technical master of his instrument, the saxophone, but, more than that, he played with the drive, and the interpretation and the inspiration that few musicians attain . . . Bill's life was not a normal life, nor a conventional life as we "average" persons consider the normal and the conventional. Some aspects would be considered shocking by we average persons, but as average persons, we perhaps cannot understand what sometimes goes on in the mind of the individual who possesses exceptional talent, for those minds are not average; they do not conform to the normal . . . In the total picture, Bill Covey was a great musician; he played with the greatest bands of his time. Although he had been away from big-time music for several years, musicians still remember him, still compliment his ability; still talk of the incidents of his unconventional life — a life that even in the unconventional field of jazz music, has become akin to legend.

NEWS FLASH — the Phantom of the Hardwood, Carl Elder, has reaffirmed the fact that he will be in the lineup against the All American Red Heads next Wednesday evening, when these famous girl Goliaths meet an all-star team of local school faculty members. Elder probably won't start; unquestionably, he won't finish. But the Old Fox will be stomping his flat feet all over the gymnasium in between . . . For at least a couple of seconds, that is.

WITH COMPLIMENTS of "Nap" Easterbrook, we received the following "timely" item that appeared in the September 11, 1912 issue of The Fresno Morning Republican: "Porterville, Sept. 10 — The board of education has been compelled to levy a \$3,500 special tax for the high school for the present term in order to temporarily house the scores of new students who have applied for admission to the high school, while the interest on the proposed \$60,000 bonds, which the voters at the last general election refused to ratify, would have been but \$3,000. It has been found necessary, in order to care for the students of the Union High school this year, to build a temporary addition to the high school building, at a cost of \$3,000, and other temporary work will entail an expenditure of \$500 more. If the \$60,000 had been voted, this work would have been unnecessary. If bonds are not voted it is asserted by the school authorities, as much of a direct tax will be levied again next year." . . . Ah, me, 'Twas ever thus. Or is history repeating itself, multiplied by considerable?

Fall celery is now moving primarily from the Santa Maria district.

## What Will Bond Issue Really Cost?

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on each \$5,000 of assessed valuation, or a total of \$18.00 per year. So, each year, for 16 years, you would pay approximately \$18 per year for each \$5,000 of assessed property valuation, plus \$3.00 to wind things up in the seventeenth year.

But of course, in the final analysis, the school district will pay back with tax money the \$1,794,000, plus interest, if the proposed bond issue carries. If these bonds sell for 2.2 per cent, interest over the 16-year repayment period of the bonds will amount to \$463,386. If the bonds are bid at a lower rate, and they well might be, the interest would be less.

How did the 1950 bonds sell? Part of these bonds went for two per cent, part for 1.75 per cent. In retiring these bonds, the district will pay interest in the amount of \$238,562.50.

In comparing tax rates with other Tulare county schools, Porterville high school and college district rate of \$1.40 is higher than Visalia and Woodlake, but lower than Dinuba, Tulare, Orosi, Strathmore and Exeter. If the new

bond issue is voted, total tax rate will be approximately \$1.55, a figure that does not change the relative placing of the Porterville district.

In comparing tax figures with other combination high school and college districts throughout California, the Porterville rate is somewhat below the average.

Since bonding capacity of school districts is limited by law to 10 per cent of assessed valuation, the Porterville district would lack something over a million dollars of being at bond capacity if the new proposed issue is passed.

What will the proposed new bond issue cost you and me if it carries?

Exactly \$1,794,000 in repayment of capital funds; \$463,386, approximately in interest, or a tax payment of \$7.50 the first year on each \$5,000 of assessed valuation, scaling upward for 16 years to \$18 per year after the 1950 issue is paid off in 1966-67.

Considering the old issue and the proposed new issue, your bill would be \$18 per year for 16 years on \$5,000 assessed value to retire both issues.

## "MR. TEXAS" OFFERS PROGRAM SATURDAY NIGHT

Redd Harper, star of "Mr. Texas", will be heard and seen at the Youth for Christ program Saturday night, 7:30, at the Women's club, in vocal and guitar music, and in a message. This is his second appearance in Porterville, and in his first appearance here about three years ago he was very favorably received.

Mr. Harper will also be heard Saturday morning in a District Youth Fellowship Snow rally for the Evangelical United Brethren church, meeting at 10:00 o'clock in the Three Rivers Presbyterian church. Following the worship service with Mr. Harper the youth will proceed to the snow.

In addition to being known as "Mr. Texas" since the picture which he made famous, Mr. Harper has been seen in "Oil-Town USA" and "Sunday on the Range."

## Red Heads

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Heads will be Sid Hall, Wayne Hardin, Orval Gillette, Ed Landgraff, Dick Berryhill, Bud Loverin, Marvin Schepmann, Earl "Curly" Smith, "Lefty" Toole, Tracy Armstrong, Carl Elder, and others. Officials will be John Vaznaian and Forrest Mock.

## Box Social Is Planned By Vandalia 4-H Club

A box social, Valentine party, is being planned by the Vandalia 4-H Club on February 11, at the Vandalia school, with the Vandalia P.T.A. assisting.

At a meeting of the club last Thursday, demonstrations were given by Marilyn Statler and Joyce Gravlee on "How To Make a Blouse"; by Rose Nell Esmon and Janet Gravlee on "How To Make Button Holes"; by Marcia Barnes and Jerri Williams on "How To Measure Flour"; and by Marilyn Gunderson and Jane Upton on "The Value of Vitamin C."

Project reports were given by Billy Esmon, leather crafts; Delbert Sailors, beef project, and Marilyn Gunderson, cooking. Fred Goodman reported on a recent Hi-4-H meeting and a project tour was announced for last Sunday.

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